

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Planning and Land Use Committee
September 21, 2017
Minutes

Present: Sue Steinberg, Acting Chair; Alicia Bartley, Art Fields, Mikie Maloney, Lisa Petrus
Absent: Tom Capps, Jackie Diamond, Jeff Kalban, Rick Mayer

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes approved as presented. Motion by Art, Second by Mikie. Approved
4. No elected officials present
5. Public Forum. Neil Newman, a resident, reported that the city is asking a developer/applicant to clear the adjacent hillside of all vegetation – including 75 trees – for seismic reasons. The applicant and the nearby residents are opposed to this and want PLUM’s support. He was invited to attend the next meeting, and perhaps have the developer and neighbors join him.
6. a.) Chair’s Report.
 - The Whole Foods and Horace Heidt projects were approved by SONC.
 - The Pavilions project is slated to begin next week.
 - The Saloma small lot project is meeting with the council office on design issues.
 - The Vision Committee will finalize their proposal for Community Planning Guidelines for Higher Density Housing at their October 5 meeting. Public invited.b.) PRB Report: Street lights for Calhoun/Lemona/Columbus at Ventura in work.
7. a.) New Business: Presentation by Jill Stewart, “Why NC’s Should Nudge Open City Hall’s Private Shaping of LA’s General and Community Plans.” Jill spoke for community involvement in the preparation of our community and general plans. She referenced the many meetings the city has held without public input, although state law mandates it. She noted that there are threats to open space requirements, and that in line with this, trees are being removed in direct contradiction of environmental and aesthetic state and local guidelines. She added that transit considerations are driving development. She invited those present to attend the city’s Open Space workshop on October 7 in Van Nuys.
b.) New Business: Eldercare Facility, 4345 Allott Ave. Applicant requesting a permit for more than 6 residents (up to 14 requested); and for relief from requirements about parking in the front yard and the number of required parking spaces in the front yard. Neighbors objected to so many new residents; said that the project is inconsistent with residences around it; that applicant has already paved most of the front yard even before case is decided and they do not want to see the remaining grass removed and paved; that street parking is already very limited. Several spoke in favor of the project; the eldercare concept; and the applicant. Several committee members felt that 14 was too many; that the increase would bring new workers, ambulances and add to parking problems; that it was important to keep the residential appearance of the street. The use as an eldercare facility was not a problem for the committee. After much discussion *a motion was made to approve the project subject to a limit of 10 residents, and to support the request for the 50% reduction in required parking spaces. Motion by Art; Second by Mikie. Motion passed 4 yes and 1 no.*
8. New Business: Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance and Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance. Due to lack to time, tabled until next meeting.
9. Committee Business: None.
10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm.
11. Next meeting: October 19, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Mikie Maloney